

## MOODLE – Group 45

### What is Moodle?

Moodle is a free, open source software that allows educators to create online courses, a.k.a. virtual classrooms. A typical Moodle class will include a list of participants (including the teacher and students) and a calendar with a course schedule and list of assignments. Other Moodle features include announcements, access to course materials, online discussion forums, where participants can post comments, and links to other Web resources. Some ways Moodle is used are:

- Many institutions use Moodle as their platform to conduct fully online courses, while some use it simply to augment face-to-face courses (known as blended learning).
- Many use Moodle to build richly collaborative communities of learning and/or as a way to deliver content to students and assess learning.

### How will the Academy use Moodle?

Moodle will serve as an online communication tool and learning environment for Group 45. Moodle will provide a way for Group 45 participants to work collaboratively and share in between sessions. Perhaps the best part is that participants can work on the course when (and hopefully where) it's convenient for them, rather than being bound to a specific day and time. Though Moodle, Group 45 participants will be able to access the calendar of events, check on announcements and assignments, participate in group discussion forums, and communicate with one another.

**Where is Group 45's Moodle Course Located?** <http://moodler.doe.in.gov>

### What are My Login and Password?

Your login will be the email address you provided the Academy, and the password will be provided for you at the February 2009 session. If you already have a Moodle account with the Indiana Department of Education, you will use that login and password for Group 45's Moodle course.

### Participant Expectations

1. Check the Group 45 course homepage, calendar and assignment page, your email, and the discussion forum at least once a week.
2. Post comments and responses to the discussion forums in between sessions. You will be notified when a new topic has been posted.
3. Participate actively in the discussion forum.
4. There are no specific login times. However, you are responsible for logging in on a regular basis and for checking on and completing assignments and for participating in discussion forum.
5. You may be required to submit assignments by a specified deadline and in the format requested.
6. Practice “[Netiquette](#)”; be polite and respectful in your postings (no “Flaming” or posting/sending negative or hurtful comments to others); use good grammar and appropriate spelling; don't write in all caps (feels like you're shouting) or exotic fonts as they may not show up on everyone's computer); sign your name.
7. Ask questions and have fun!

### Instructor Expectations

1. Return emails promptly (within a day or two).
2. Keep the course website current.
3. Answer questions.

### Moodle Requirements

To participate in the Group 45 Moodle course, you need:

- Reliable access to email.
- Reliable access to the Internet.